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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Kenneth R. Owens, et al.  
Serial No.: 09/692,884  
Filing Date: October 20, 2000  
Examiner: Jason E. Mattis  
Group Art Unit: 2665  
Title: METHOD FOR ESTABLISHING AN MPLS DATA  
NETWORK PROTECTION PATHWAY

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

In response to the Final Office Action mailed September 7, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests continued examination of the above identified Application in order to allow the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims and the objections to the Application in view of the following amendments and/or comments as set forth below.

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